

California Natural Resources Agency

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Renée E. Bahl, Director County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation 9150 Chesapeake Drive, Suite 200 San Diego, Ca 92123

Dear Ms. Bahl:

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) received on April 27, 2009, the County of San Diego - Department of Parks and Recreation's (Hereinafter referred to as County Parks) request for a Right of Entry to the Department's Otay Mountain Ecological Reserve (Reserve), located adjacent to the Otay Ranch Preserve Lands, and located in San Diego County. The request was to allow access to lands managed and monitored by the Otay Ranch Preserve Owner/Manager (Otay Ranch POM), a joint powers agency comprised of County Parks and the City of Chula Vista.

As the Otay Ranch Preserve has been designed and will be managed specifically for protection and enhancement of multiple species present on Otay Ranch, the Otay Ranch POM is hereby granted the right to enter the Reserve and use existing roads within the Reserve for the purpose of monitoring and maintaining the biological resources of the lands being conveyed by McMillin Company and Otay Ranch Company, as shown in your submission to the Department with your request. The access is granted until terminated by written notice from either party to the other.

Terms and Conditions:

- 1) No staff or equipment is allowed off road at anytime;
- 2) No native plants and/or animals will be damaged and/or harmed in any way;
- 3) The State of California shall not be liable and the County of San Diego, City of Chula Vista (Otay Ranch POM) and/or their associates and assistants shall indemnify, hold harmless and at the option of the State, defend the State, its officers, agents, and employees against and for any and all liability, claims, damages or injuries of any kind and from any cause, arising out of or connected in any way with the exercise of this Right of Entry;

4) This letter does not authorize access to any other areas of the Reserve without the written consent, nor does it authorize access to properties adjacent to the Reserve.

The Department's Reserve Manager in Mr. Tim Dillingham. Please coordinate any access issues with him. He can be reached by phone: (858) 467-4204 or by email: tdilling@dfg.ca.gov.

If there are questions or concerns about this letter, please contact me at the letterhead address, or by telephone at (858) 627-3939, or by fax at (858) 467-4299.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Miner

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South Coast Region

Attachment: Request for Right of Entry dated April 27, 2009

cc: California Department of Fish and Game Tim Dillingham, San Diego Captain Angel Raton, San Diego